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QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Thursday, 8 May 2014

Hon Rick Mazza to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Tourism.

A trip along Indian Ocean Drive between Wanneroo and Jurien Bay is a wonderful way to experience 169 kilometres of Western Australia's spectacular coastline. However:

- (1) Can the Minister advise how many public toilets are available to motorists in that 169 km section;
- (2) Is the Minister aware that motorists are forced to use the roadside bushland as ad hoc latrines;
- (3) Is the Minister aware of the proliferation of used toilet paper and tissue that is a result of the lack of public facilities;
- (4) Does the Minister acknowledge that the lack of public facilities is a negative reflection on Western Australia's tourism reputation?

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

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Indian Ocean Drive has not only opened up a scenic part of Western Australia's coastline to motorists, reduced travel time and provided an alternative to using the Brand Highway, but has also opened up towns along the route to the benefits of tourism, generated from travellers visiting to buy goods and services. Public toilets are located in Cervantes, Ledge Point, Seabird, Guilderton and Lancelin, all of which are easily accessible from Indian Ocean Drive. It is important that all Western Australians take pride in our state and accept the shared responsibility for keeping our pristine environment free of litter.

Information relating to the location of public toilets between Wanneroo and Jurien Bay is available online at www.toiletmap.gov.au and I table a map from this site showing these locations.

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Screenshot from www.toiletmap.gov.au, showing Wanneroo to Jurien Bay

